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1. An employee of the former NCO school on Jaegerallee, Potsdam (N 53/Z 63), stated between 30 April and 6 May 1950 that about 600 recruits had arrived there. A hundred troops wearing black epaulets (engineers) were allegedly also stationed in the barracks. Groups of 17 to 19-year-old soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with winged-wheel insignia were observed in front of a photographer's shop. (1)
2. About 3,000 troops of all branches of service marched or rode to Neuer Garten between 9 and 11 a.m. on 2 May 1950. (2)
3. The apartment houses on Kapellenberg had been vacated by Soviet dependents and were being surrounded by a high board fence. Barracks furniture was trucked to the houses. It was said that troops were to be quartered there.
4. About 200 women, some in uniforms and some in civilian clothes, were billeted in the apartment houses opposite the Kavallerieschule, Krampnitz, on 4 May 1950. Various branch-of-service insignia were seen.

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5. The Artillerie Kaserne, Delius Kaserne, Panzer Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne, are located on the western side of Nedlitzerstrasse, extending from south to north in the order mentioned.
6. The Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity on 14 May 1950 by troops wearing black epaulets with engineer insignia. No motor vehicles were seen. Sentries wearing black epaulets with engineer insignia guarded four earth shelters opposite the barracks. (3)
7. The Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity on 14 May 1950. Soldiers seen wore engineer insignia. A radio station with two 25-meter towers was located in the barracks area. (3)

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8. The Panzer Kaserne was occupied to about 80 percent of capacity on 14 May 1950. Soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. One barracks building was occupied to about 50 percent of capacity by women and children. (3)
9. The Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied to about 60 percent of capacity. Soldiers wore artillery insignia. The barracks gate was locked and decorated with artillery emblems. Traffic to the barracks went via the Panzer Kaserne.

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10. Canvas-covered AA guns were emplaced near the Red Cross area near Ufastrasse, Babelsberg, in early May 1950. The gun crews lived in tents. (4)
11. One emplaced AA gun was in the area between the Ufa premises (motion picture studios) and the Babelsberg Red Cross premises on 6 May 1950. (4)
12. An AT gun of about 75 mm caliber was emplaced about 500 meters from the Rehbruecke railroad station, in the direction of Potsdam, on 6 May 1950.

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- (1) Previous reports stated that recruits arrived in the Potsdam-Nedlitz barracks in early March 1950 and in the Delius Kaserne in early April 1950.

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- (2) Probably troops from several barracks assembling for a military ceremony.
- (3) The report indicating that the Potsdam barracks were extraordinarily heavily occupied in mid-May 1950 contradicts information [redacted] stating that the troops from these barracks began to leave for a troop training grounds, possibly Altenradow in early April 1950. [redacted]
- (4) Probably elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div of the GOFG.

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